

MISCELLANEOUS

FERTILIZER FOR TOMATOES & VEGGIES

Ventura County Star

1/4 c. epsom salts
1/2 c. instant tea powder

2 c. worm castings (sold @ garden stores)

Put 2 handful in the bottom of the hole, place rootball in hole, mix 2 more handful of fertilizer with soil that is packed around edges of rootball. Put a layer of soil over all and press roots down firmly. Top with a thick layer of mulch and water well.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

MIXTURE GETS RID OF DOG'S SKUNK ODOR:

Dear Heloise: I read your column every day in The Parkersburg (W.Va.) News. Many of your hints have been put to use in this house.

We live in an area surrounded by woods, and the wildlife is abundant. Several years ago, our wonderful dog, Jake, was sprayed just a little by a skunk. We heard using mouthwash would get the smell out. He ended up smelling like a minty skunk. Eventually, the smell wore off. We now have an energetic. yellow Lab who runs through the woods quite a bit. So far, he hasn't been sprayed, but I know it will happen, given the nature of our woods and our pup.

What do we use to get the smell off our dog, Chance? Thanks. —
Rhonda C.S., Via E-mail

Yuck — a minty-smelling skunk! Well, we have the right solution for you. Mix together 1 quart of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, 1 teaspoon of mild liquid dishwashing detergent and 1/4 c. of baking soda.

Before bathing your pet, put cotton balls in his ears and a drop of mineral oil in each eye to prevent the mixture from irritating the eyes. Rub the mixture through your pet's coat and brush it through with a soft brush, then rinse well. You might have to repeat it until the odor is gone, but it really does work. —
Heloise

SILVER-TARNISH-REMOVER RECIPE:

Line the bottom of a pan with aluminum foil. Pour in 2 quarts of boiling water and 2 teaspoons of baking soda. Put the silver on top of the foil. It must be completely submerged in the water. Then watch the tarnish disappear! Be sure to rinse well and buff dry. NOTE: Don't use this method on antique, heirloom or silver-plated items, as well as hollow-handled flatware. -- Heloise

PLAY DOUGH

(great recipe!)

Diane Roe

2 c. flour
1 c. salt
4 Tbsp. cream of tartar
2 Tbsp. salad oil
2 c. water
desired food coloring

Mix together in saucepan and cook over low heat, stirring constantly until it forms a ball. Remove from heat and knead to proper consistency. Store in an air-tight container.